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atmosphere, much of what is written being the result of the author's own observations. It cannot truly be said that all "the latest discoveries" are included, but the scientific reader, and many unscientific readers also, will find the book interesting. As a "popular" account of some of the relations of man to the atmosphere the volume will find a place, but it is neither a well-digested nor a complete discussion of the subject of its title.

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Klimatographie von Niederösterreich. Von J. Hann. Herausgegeben von der Direktion der K. K. Zentral-Anstalt für Meteorologie und Geodynamik. 4to. Vienna, 1904. pp. 104. Pl. I.

The acknowledged master of climatology has written on the climate of his own country. The present volume is the first of a series of reports to be issued as rapidly as possible under the auspices of the Austrian Central Meteorological Institute of Vienna, dealing with the climates of the different portions of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy. It was as fitting as it was natural that Hann, who stands at the head of the world's workers in meteorological science, should be chosen to prepare the first volume in the series. This he has written with the thoroughness, the accuracy, and the systematic arrangement of details which distinguish all his work. As an authoritative study of the climatology of lower Austria; as a model for the remaining volumes of the same set, and of monographs on the climate of other countries; as an additional proof of the debt which meteorology owes to its master, this report has a value which it is impossible to over-estimate.

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The United States, with an Excursion into Mexico. Handbook for Travellers. By Karl Baedeker. ciii and 660 pp., 25 Maps and 35 Plans. Third Revised Edition. Karl Baedeker, Leipzig, 1904.

This guidebook meets the needs of foreign visitors to the United States so well, and has been so useful to our own tourists at home, that this new edition, bringing it up to date, will be welcomed. Fourteen new maps and plans have been added. The excellent maps in the Baedeker guidebooks are especially noteworthy when they illustrate our own pleasure resorts and show places, because, although they are made in Germany, they are based upon the Government topographic surveys wherever possible, show topography clearly, indicate footpaths and roads as well as railways, and make the special points of interest stand out.